CFRI Scientist Absenting from Duty

1214. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Senior Scientist (E grade) of CFRI, Dhanbad has been absenting from duty for long period;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against him; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Scientist ('E' grade) of the Institute has been on continuous unauthorised absence since 30-11-983.

(c) Yes, Sir, disciplinary proceedings against him are in progress.

(d) Does not arise.

***Import of XRF Spectometer* by CFRI**

1215. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an XRF Spectometer was imported at a cost of Rs. 22 lakhs by CFRI;

(b) if so, when the decision to import the same was taken;

(c) when the machines reached Calcutta Port;

(d) whether it was kept in suitable enivronment; and

(e) whether the machine is in working condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision was taken on 18-8-1981.

(c) The equipment reached Calcutta in January, 1983.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The machine is not working since the equipment got damaged in transit. The components to be replaced are still awaited from the manufacturers.

Tremors and land slides in Kerala

1216. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the Tremors and landslides in Idukki area of Kerala which took place recently;

(b) what steps are being taken to help the people affected and to advise them about the future probabilities of such incidents; and

(c) whether there is any possibility for the Tremors to continue with details of the findings of the enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The earth tremors and landslides which occurred in the Idukki area in Kerala in June 1988 were due to natural causes.

(b) and (c) Occurrence of earthquackers of magnitude less than 5 on